
WEB Procedures: DOMESTIC ANIMAL MAINTENANCE

The following information is a summary of the City's ordinance and is not intended to cover everything included within the ordinance. Whenever summarization creates a conflict, the official ordinance governs. A copy of the entire ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's office, 455 N. Main – 13th floor, or directly from the Internet at www.wichita.gov.

BASIS

Any person keeping in his possession and control, within the corporate limits of the city, more than 5 fowl, 2 rabbits, 2 dogs, 2 cats, or 1 sheep, 1 goat, 1 horse, 1 cow, 1 ratite, or more than 2 domestic animals of another kind, is required to pay an annual fee for an appropriate classification permit. With limited exception, no more than 2 nanny goats, 12 rabbits, 12 fowl other than pigeons, 25 pigeons, 2 horses or other equines, 1 cow, 2 sheep, 2 ratites, 4 dogs, 4 cats or 2 domestic animals or other kind; OR no more than 3 different kinds of domestic animals shall be maintained on any one residentially zoned lot. With limited exception, roosters (male chickens), guinea cocks, peacocks or other birds that by nature exhibit loud calls, are not allowed within the corporate limits of the city.

Domestic animals means all animals that have been tamed or domesticated such as, but not limited to dogs, cats, cattle, horses, hogs, goats, rabbits, sheep, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons, and other fowl or wild mammals or birds.

Ratite means domesticated large flightless birds classified as livestock under Kansas law, such as ostriches and emus.

Kennel means any premises where there is being maintained a total of 5 or more dogs or more than 2 un-spayed female dogs for business purposes, except veterinary hospitals.

Cattery means any premises where there is being maintained a total of 5 or more cats or more than 2 un-spayed female cats, except veterinary hospitals.

Kennel and Cattery do not include foster homes operated under the auspices of rescue organizations licensed by the Kansas Department of Animal Health.

LEGAL**REFERENCE**

Chapter 6.12, Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas.

REGULATIONS

Kennels, as defined above, may not be located on any residentially zoned lot.

Catteries, as defined above, may be located on any residentially zoned lot provided all cats are confined inside a structure. Commercial catteries located on any residentially zoned lot are also required to obtain a home occupation license.

With limited exception, it is unlawful to maintain any hog pens or hogs or male goats within the corporate limits of the city.

Domestic animal shelters used for horses or other equines, a cow, sheep, ratites, or similar large domestic animals, on residentially zoned lots, shall not be less than 200 feet from any adjacent dwelling and not less than 10 feet from any property line. All other domestic animal shelters on residentially zoned lots shall not be less than 10 feet from any property line if located within 50 feet of an adjacent dwelling. Domestic animal shelters on commercially or industrial zoned lots shall not be less than 200 feet from any adjoining premise that is located on any residentially zoned lot. The Health Officer, upon evaluation of criteria, may issue waivers on setback requirements.

Animal permits are not prorated or refunded.

**ENFORCING
AUTHORITY**

The Director of the Department of Environmental Health or authorized representative (Health Officer)

FEES

Residential.....	\$ 20.00
Commercial (Kennel, Cattery)	\$ 50.00
Industrial	\$ 100.00
Agricultural	\$ 50.00
Agricultural (bee keeping only).....	\$ 20.00

If more than one classification applies, fee is the highest applicable rate.

Due annually on May 1.

PROCEDURE

New and renewal applicants must apply at the Department of Environmental Health at 1900 East 9th Street, Wichita KS.